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Invention Title CRYSTALLINE VENLAFAXINE BASE AND NOVEL POLYMORPHS OF VENLAFAXINE HYDROCHLORIDE, PROCESSES FOR		Inventor(s) Ben-Zion DOLITZKY	Inventor(s) Ben-Zion DOLITZKY et al.	
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is a response to the Restriction Requirement mailed August 27, 2003 for the above-identified application.

Applicants hereby request a **three-month extension of time** to respond to the Restriction Requirement of August 27, 2003 which set a one-month period for response. The extended period for response expires on December 27, 2003. Because December 27, 2003 falls on a Saturday, the response date is thereby December 29, 2003. Please charge the \$950.00 extension fee and any additional fees to the deposit account of Kenyon & Kenyon, deposit account number 11-0600. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed for that purpose.

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

SIR:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed August 27, 2003, Applicants hereby elect, with traverse, the claims of Group I, i.e., claims 1-2, for further prosecution in this application. Applicants submit that the classification and subclassification of the restricted groups are related and that they do not impose undue burden to the examiner.

Applicants respectfully request a THREE-MONTH time extension and extend the response date to December 27, 2003. Because December 27, 2003 falls on a Saturday, the response date is thereby December 29, 2003. Applicants hereby authorize you to charge payment of the extension fee to Kenyon & Kenyon's Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

This election is made without prejudice to the filing of a divisional application(s) directed to non-elected inventions.

An action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted, KENYON & KENYON

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